

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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Allocation under NRDWP

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has substantially curtailed the funds released to Kerala under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for 2015-16 and 2016-17;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has received any request from the Government of Kerala for more funds for drinking water projects in the State;
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto along with the reasons for not acceding to the request, if any;
- (e) whether Government has changed the funding pattern between State and Union Government for NRDWP; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

(Shri Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi)

(a) & (b) In view of enhanced devolution of funds to States under 14th Finance Commission, the Central share allocation of funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to all States including Kerala has been reduced in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

(c) & (d) This Ministry allocates funds under NRDWP as per pre-approved criteria as envisaged in NRDWP guideline and there is no provision of giving more funds to any State over & above the allocation. However, this Ministry estimates savings at the end of financial year and additional funds are allocated to performing States. The proposal for second instalment of funds under NRDWP this year has been received from the state government of Kerala. Upon examination of its proposal, it has been found that State needs to submit revised proposal along with requisite document and clarification. Moreover, the Ministry does not fund for any specific drinking water project.

(e) and (f) Yes Madam. The funding pattern under NRDWP has been changed and the component-wise changes in funding pattern are at Annexure.